



STATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETING

APPROVED MINUTES

Friday-December 05, 2014

Call to Order

Dr. Edwards called the meeting to order at 0930 hrs.

Roll Call

Members Present: Atas, Beldo (via phone), Boyd, Bullen, Casperson, Cummings, Bonfiglio for Dunne, Edwards, Forbush (via phone), Hart, Kincaid, Lake, Sundberg for Leckelt, Myers, Nye, Pratt, Scafidi, E. Smith, Sorensen, Wadaga, Whitehead, Wilkinson

Members Absent: Durst, Lori, Nelson, Randall, Robert Smith, Trevithick

MDCH Representatives: Helmker, Worden, Godde, Slee, Nethaway, Willoughby-Byrwa, Williams, Putman, Dolehanty, First, Allen

Others Present: P. Rogers: LSTI, C., Steven Rockoff: Henry Ford Health System, Brandon Young: HFHS, Thomas McKeown: HFHS, Andy Brown: Superior Ambulance, Chris Whitehead: Bloomfield Twp. Fire, Diane Bollman: MCEP, Patrick Lickiss: AMR, Steve Sherman: EMSIC Society, Michael Fill: Jackson County MCA, Joe Karlichek: STAT EMS, Marc Lund: STAT EMS, Robert Domeier: W/L MCA, Lance Corey: Oceana County EMS & Trauma, Troy Bowling: Muskegon Co MCA, Jon Hockman: SME-Dorsey Schools, Kim Piesik: Superior Ambulance, Aaron Gonzalez :DML-Receiving, Stefanie Wise: DEMCA/MCEP, Bradley Weolhull: DMC Sinai Grace, Steve Morter : OCMCA, Sanford Vieder: Beaumont-Botsford Health, Marc Roseninol : DEMCA, Terry Ventocilla: MI EMS Education LLC

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Dr. Edwards and Marvin Helmker introduce Colleen Nethaway who's filling in for Paula Fehrenbach, as Paula retired on October 31, 2014.

MOTION: Lake moved to approve the agenda. Boyd supported. Motion carried.

MOTION: Beldo moved to approve the minutes for September 26, 2014. Wilkinson supported. Motion Carried.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Emergency Preparedness Update

Dr. Edwards wants to thank all the groups involved with the Ebola issues of recent times.

Dr. Atas states CDC declared 35 sites as Ebola sites. Michigan is not yet on the list, but in January there will be 2 sites that will be visited by the CDC to take care of possible Ebola patients.

-Changes and Clarifications on CDC site on 12/2/14.

EMS & Trauma Systems Report

Marvin Helmker's update:

-MiMedic cards are being released. It has been a long process. Maria Willoughby-Bwira had these cards published, but did have some errors that needed to be corrected. The cards will be sent to all ALS, Hospitals, MCA's, and Education programs. You can also purchase them through Office Max for \$7.00.

-Spinal Immobilization Protocol was approved but has to be adopted by the MCA's. A Power Point will be posted on the State of Michigan's website with a disclaimer stating that this has to be adopted by your local MCA. Terri Godde stated it will not be added to the blue book any time soon.

-Good Samaritan Law SB 971. This bill does not include EMS; Karla Ruest from the legislative liaison office stated there has been no movement but will be introduced next year.

-State of Michigan will have its first EMS patch. This is in production now and hope to have it in our hands by the end of the year.

-MCA Consolidation: MCA's will consolidate into either eight or ten regions. Kurt Krause was able to get funding for the consolidation which will give \$100k for each region to implement these new concepts. They will have benchmarks to meet to receive this funding. Brent Williams was introduced as the new facilitator for this initiative. A workgroup has been formed and met for the first time in October. They are open meetings without public comment. There is much concern over local control being lost with this process. The timeline for this consolidation to be implemented will be decided as the recommendations come in from the workgroup.

-Starting in January an MFR course will be offered to our office staff. Our office currently has four EMS providers. We feel this will be a positive learning experience for our office.

-Data Submission Update: There are ninety plus agencies of the one hundred and thirty that have received letters that are now submitting data. The other thirty to forty agencies are still not submitting.

-Community Paramedic Update: The following agencies were approved by the QA TASK Force. HEMS: Goal for CHF/COPD patients, 88 hour training program, and Tri County MCA. Clinton Area Ambulance Authority: Goal connects clients with primary care physicians, assist with vaccinations, etc., home safety issues, and caravan needs. Kent County MCA/AMR: reducing re-admission, frequent utilizers-15-20 hours, ALS first response unit. Tri county MCA: Portland EMS: adult/peds with pneumonia, respiratory illnesses. Macomb MCA: Medstar: utilizing as front line clinical providers, working with discharge physician, 47 hours of education. OCMCA: Botsford Hospital: telemedicine.

Jeff Boyd moved to approve. Kincaid supported. Discussions: Steve Meyers asks if it would exceed the scope of practice by using the Minnesota curriculum. Lynn Weber from Clinton Area Ambulance discusses that if the curriculum does exceed the scope of practice, the state of Michigan will not allow that. Motion carried.

-Legislative reports: HB 5404 passed, and signed by the Governor on 10/14/14. All MFRs and EMTs must be trained to administer opioid antagonists and all EMS agencies must carry it. Everyone must be trained by 10/14/15. Protocol production and training program in the works now.

-Next year's meetings: 1/23/15, 3/27/15, 5/29/15, 9/25/15, and 11/20/15.

-Chris Lake, Montgomery Nye, and Glen Scafidi receiving letters for re-approval to the EMSCC.

-IC Conference: Attendee questioned if we could get EMSCC minutes out more quickly. The minutes will be sent to members soon after the meeting, so the minutes can be posted as soon as possible.

-Regional Coordinator Introduction's: Glenda Dolehanty; central part of Lower Peninsula and covers 15 counties. Dan Allen covers Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb counties.

-Questions from the group:

Kevin: HB 5404: Making sure that the hospitals will provide the medications. Yes.

Cummings: HB 5404 has sunset clause of three years, would like the absolute date.

MCA Consolidation questions: Many questions were raised about this topic. Moving the MCA's to 8 or 10, needs to be clear as to what they are moving to. What is broken, why are we doing this, how is this going to make the patient care better? Who are the people that are telling us we need the change, why are they not coming here to discuss this change? We could help them to understand how these things work prior to making decisions that affect us. Others ask for more transparency, and meeting minutes. Marv would like a motion for a letter with specific concerns from the EMSCC to take back to the department.

Committee Reports

A: Quality Assurance: Meeting on the 19th.

B: Operations: Nothing to report

C: Medical Control: Nothing to report

D: Education: CE Proposal for increase in pediatric CEs for licenses that expire 6/30/2016, giving those 18 months to get these accomplished.

Motion to remove from table.

-Motion: Made by Sorensen to accept the CE changes, but to make this in effect for those who expire December 31, 2016 and after. Second by Wilkinson. Approved. Changes will be posted to our website, and emailed to IC's.

Ebola Update website link will link to the updated CDC requirements regarding EMS.

E: Trauma Advisory: Eileen states that regionalization has worked very well. There have been 38 committees who have met 113 times. The designation of American College of surgeon's verified facilities has begun. The Designation Committee meet for the first time in November. Twenty facilities and twenty two programs have been designated in

the first round. There will be a kick off ceremony on December 15th, 2014 to recognize these facilities.

F: By-Laws: Jeff Boyd: Needs to meet after the first of the year.

G: Data Task Force: Nothing to report.

H: Legislative:

No meetings, but there has been a lot of activity. Meetings in the UP have been occurring, and some changes are recommended. One for the Otonagon area, in re-applying for the Bennett Bill, or continuing the use of it. Karla spoke with Representative Kevala last night, and his bill is going to the floor. The department is not aware that they still have three years left on the bill. Senator Casperson's bill has been sitting for a while, but he would like to settle things without a bill. Does not want to cause problems, but wants to prevent problems. The Department has been working with the Senator on these.

I: Rural:

Gary Wadaga: getting specific dates. Looking into Medicare's versions of rural and super-rural areas. Funding: Educational funding and loan forgiveness, for those in rural areas. Looking to improve Medicare reimbursements and to Medicaid. Wants to improve the Bennett Bill legislation. Wants to make sure that rural EMS (smaller services) are getting the reimbursements.

Membership Round Table Report

Marv: Wants to thank Livingston County EMS for their hospitality. Also would like to announce that it's been one year since he became the EMS Manager.
Jeff Boyd: Expo in April at Grand Traverse Resort. The Eastern Upper Peninsula is hiring Paramedics.
Ken Cummings: Stated that Marv has done a terrific job. Applause from everyone.

Public Comment

Next Meeting, Friday January 23, 2015, MCEP 6447 St. Joseph Highway, Lansing MI.

Adjournment

